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ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: Wolf &amp; Lutz Case 103

U.S. APPLICATION NO.

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/EP03/013293 INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: November 26, 2003

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: November 27, 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION: TUBULAR BLANK FOR THE PRODUCTION OF DRILLING TOOLS, METHOD FOR THE  
PRODUCTION OF A BLANK AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF DRILLING TOOLS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Michael KOECHER

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☒ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:
  - A. Drawings (3 sheets)
  - B. Form PCT/IPEA/416 and 409
  - C. Postal Card

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The following fees have been submitted:

Calculations PTO USE ONLY

21. [X] BASIC NATIONAL FEE .....\$300.00

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22. [X] EXAMINATION FEE

If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims

satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....\$100.00

All other situations .....\$200.00

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23. [X] SEARCH FEE

Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to

the USPTO as an International Searching Authority .....\$100.00

International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office .....\$400.00

All other situations .....\$500.00

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TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 =

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[ ] Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.

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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total claims	25 - 20 =	5	X \$ 50.00	\$250.00
Ind. claims	1 - 3 =	0	X \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$

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\$1,150.00

[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.

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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property

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